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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STOCKHOLM PRESS
CONFERENCE, MONDAY, MAY 24:

KISSINGER: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN BEFORE I TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS, LET ME EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION AND THAT OF MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE VERY CORDIAL RECEPTION WE HAVE RECEIVED HERE FROM THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT. I'VE HAD BETWEEN LAST EVENING AND TODAY ABOUT SIX HOURS WITH YOUR PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER AND I FOUND THE TALKS EXTREMELY USEFUL. WE DIDN'T COME HERE IN ORDER TO AGREE ON ANY PARTICULAR SET OF POLICIES, BUT SWEDEN BY VIRTUE OF ITS NEUTRAL POSITION HAS DEVELOPED VIEWS ON MANY SOCIAL PROBLEMS TO WHICH WE LISTEN WITH GREAT INTEREST AND WE EXPRESSED OUR OWN VIEWS. IF THAT IS NOT TOTALLY DISASTEROUS FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT ON MANY ISSUES WE AGREED, ON SOME WE MAINTAINED DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES, BUT ABOVE ALL I WANTED TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR THE VERY WARM RECEPTION WE HAVE RECEIVED HERE AND MY APPRECIATION FOR THE SCOPE OF THE TALKS AND THEIR VERY CONSTRUCTIVE NATURE. NOW I'LL BE GLAD TO TAKE QUESTIONS. MAY I SUGGEST THAT I'LL TAKE QUESTIONS FROM THE SWEDISH PRESS FIRST AND THEN I'LL TAKE SOME FROM THE AMERICAN CONTINGENT THAT'S TRAVELLING WITH ME, UNLESS YOU ANTAGONIZE ME TOO MUCH, THEN I'LL MOVE TO THE AMERICANS RIGHT AWAY.

Q: ON WHICH ISSUES DO YOU STILL DIFFER WITH THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT?

A: WE DID NOT SIT DOWN AND TRY TO DRAW THE BALANCE SHEET ON WHERE WE AGREED AND DISAGREED. I THINK IT CAN BE SAID THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT LOOKS AT MANY PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD PRIMARILY FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE DOMESTIC EVOLUTION OF THOSE SOCIETIES. AND FROM THE SWEDISH POINT OF VIEW THAT MAKES A GREAT DEAL OF SENSE. WE, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVING CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE GLOBAL BALANCE OF POWER IN WHICH SWEDEN DOES NOT SHARE, HAVE TO LOOK AT PROBLEMS ALSO FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE WORLD EQUILIBRIUM AND FROM THE FOREIGN POLICY POINT OF VIEW. SO THAT OCCASIONALLY PRODUCES A DIFFERENCE IN PERSPECTIVES, BUT WE DIDN'T SIT THERE AND TRY TO DRAW UP A COMMUNIQUE ON WHERE WE AGREED AND DISAGREED. I WAS IMPRESSED BY THE SCOPE OF THE ANALYSES OF YOUR LEADERS AND

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PROFITED FROM IT, AND IN SOME CASES PRESENTED OUR OWN VIEW.

Q: MR. KISSINGER, GENERAL ELECTRIC IS PLANNING TO SELL TWO NUCLEAR PLANTS TO SOUTH AFRICA. NOW, I KNOW THERE IS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATES AND SOUTH AFRICA ON CO-OPERATION IN THIS FIELD OF PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. NOW, NOT ONLY JIMMY CARTER IS AGAINST IT BUT WHAT IS YOUR POINT OF VIEW ESPECIALLY SINCE SOUTH AFRICA HAS NOT SIGNED THIS NON-

PROLIFERATION TREATY? ARE YOU GOING TO ASK (THEM) TO SIGN THIS TREATY BEFORE DELIVERY?

A: WELL, THIS ISSUE HAS COME UP SO FAR IN THE FORM OF A GENERAL DISCUSSION WHERE THERE WERE THREE CONSORTIA INVOLVED, THE FRENCH, THE GERMANS, AND A COMBINATION OF DUTCH, SWISS AND AMERICAN. WE ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO PROLIFERATION. WE WILL ABSOLUTELY INSIST ON SAFEGUARDS THAT WILL GUARANTEE THAT NO REACTORS THAT THE UNITED STATES SELLS CAN BE USED FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY. AND WE ARE AT THIS MOMENT CAREFULLY EXAMINING THE RELATIONSHIP OF ANY OF OUR REACTOR SALES TO THE POSSIBLE SIGNING BY SOUTH AFRICA OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. SO THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT IS NOW UNDER VERY CAREFUL STUDY IN WASHINGTON. THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY ABSOLUTELY VITAL DECISION ON THIS; THERE HAS BEEN A PRELIMINARY ONE.

Q: IF YOU LOOK UPON THE EUROPEAN SCENE WHERE DO YOU SEE THE MOST LIKELY WAR RISKS AND HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO MINIMIZE THESE WAR RISKS?

A: I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO GET ME INTO, BUT THERE IS AN OBSESSION ON THIS TRIP ON THE PART OF EUROPEAN JOURNALISTS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES TO GET ME TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE DOMESTIC EVOLUTION OF COUNTRIES THAT MAY HAVE IMMINENT ELECTIONS. AS I ALREADY SAID IN OSLO I CAN GET INVOLVED IN THE DOMESTIC POLITICS OF ONLY ONE COUNTRY AT A TIME AND I'M FULLY INVOLVED IN OUR OWN, AS AN ISSUE NOT AS A POLITICIAN. IF I LOOK AT THE EUROPEAN SCENE I THINK THAT IN THE FIELD OF SECURITY GREAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN NATO IN STRENGTHENING DEFENSE. GREAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN DEVELOPING A COORDINATED APPROACH ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS. I BELIEVE WHAT IS NEEDED NOW ON THE PART OF ALL THE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES, THOSE THAT ARE IN ALLIANCE SYSTEMS, AND MAYBE THOSE THAT ARE NOT, IS TO TRY TO DEVELOP

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SOME CONCEPTION OF WHAT IT IS THEY WANT TO ACHIEVE IN THE FIELDS OF DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE FIELD OF THE EAST-WEST TRADE, AND ECONOMICS, THAT PERMIT A MORE COHERENT POLICY. ON THE WHOLE, I THINK THAT THE MILITARY PROBLEMS OF THE WEST ARE SOLVABLE AND THAT WE KNOW WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

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THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF CO-OPERATION IN THE TRADITIONAL FIELDS,
GREAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE. WHAT WE NOW MUST CONCENTRATE
ON IS TO DEVELOP SOME VISION OF THE FUTURE OF THE KIND OF
WORLD WE WANT TO BUILD AND SEE HOW WE CAN DO IT CO-OPERATIVELY
BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS OF ANY COUNTRY, NOT EVEN THE
LARGEST, EVEN OF A COUNTRY LIKE THE UNITED STATES BY ITSELF,
CANNOT DO IT.

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Q: IN WHICH COUNTRY IN EUROPE DO YOU SEE THE MOST TROUBLE?

A: THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS THAT EXIST TODAY ARE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS
LIKE THE GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE, THE SECOND PROBLEM IS THAT

INDUSTRIAL SOCIETIES IN FACT BOTH EAST AND WEST, SPEAKING NOW ABOUT WESTERN EUROPE - IS HOW TO ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP IN WHICH THE CITIZENS OF INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES FEEL PART OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS. THIS IS AN ISSUE IN MANY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND THIS IS THE HARDEST PROBLEM OF THE SO-CALLED PARTICIPATION OF VARIOUS PARTIES IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, ARE YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE WILL NEVER ACCEPT AS LEGAL AND BINDING ANY CANAL TREATY THAT IS SIGNED BY THE PRESENT DICTATORSHIP IN PANAMA WHICH HAS BEEN SET UP AND SUSTAINED WITH THE HIGHEST PER CAPITA U.S. AID IN THE WORLD, OR ANY SIMILAR TYPE OF DICTATORSHIP? BUT THERE ARE PLENTY OF PANAMANIAN AND OTHER LATIN AMERICANS WHO WOULD BE READY TO BLOW UP THE PANAMA CANAL IF SUCH A TREATY IS IMPOSED ON THEM.. AND IN VIEW OF THAT, MR. SECRETARY, WE BELIEVE THE UNITED STATES SHOULD ACCEPT A PEACEFUL, DEMOCRATIC, AND CIVILIZED SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, I.E. A FREE PLEBISCITE IN PANAMA IN WHICH THE PANAMANIAN VOTERS CAN CHOOSE THE BEST TREATY THE UNITED STATES CAN OFFER PANAMA AND THE FREE PANAMA CANAL PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

A: WELL, I THINK THIS QUESTION PROVES THAT MAN CANNOT ESCAPE HIS DESTINY. FIRST OF ALL, MAY I ASK YOU WHOM YOU REPRESENT? WHICH NEWSPAPER?

A: I REPRESENT THE LATIN AMERICANS HERE AND THE LATIN AMERICAN PRESS.

A: I FRANKLY DO NOT KNOW BY WHAT METHOD THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE WILL REACT TO ANY AGREEMENT THAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE MADE. AT THIS POINT THE UNITED STATES IS EXPLORING WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION IN PANAMA IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE WILL BE FOSTERED RATHER THAN DAMAGED. NOT ONE LINE OF AN AGREEMENT HAS AS YET BEEN DRAFTED AND MUCH OF THE DISCUSSION IS QUITE PREMATURE, BUT THE BASIC PROBLEM WE FACE IS THAT WE ARE IN FAVOR, WE HAVE TO INSIST ON THE SAFE UNCLASSIFIED

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AND UNIMPEDED PASSAGE OF SHIPS THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL AND WE ARE NOW DISCUSSING HOW THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED WHILE MAINTAINING OUR TRADITIONAL RELATIONSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP WITH THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. ONLY AFTER THAT IS COMPLETED CAN THE QUESTION OF RATIFICATION BE CONSIDERED.

Q: IN YOUR AIRPORT STATEMENT LAST NIGHT YOU SAID SWEDEN AND THE UNITED STATES ARE UNITED BY THE DEVOTION TO THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES. NOW IN WHAT WAY HAS YOUR GOVERNMENT SHOWN ITS DEVOTION TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES IN CHILE IN THE LAST FEW YEARS?

A: WELL YOU KNOW IT IS VERY EASY TO BE SELF-RIGHTOUS WHEN YOU ARE FARAWAY AND WHEN YOU OPERATE ON THE BASIS OF SLOGANS. THE PRESENTATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE OF THE SITUATION IN CHILE HAVE BEEN VASTLY OVER-SIMPLIFIED AND THIS IS OBVIOUSLY NOT THE OCCASION TO GO INTO A DETAILED EXPOSITION. WE BELIEVED THAT WE WERE GIVING THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS ITSELF IN THE ELECTIONS OF 1976. THE COUP THAT OCCURRED WAS NOT FOSTERED OR ENCOURAGED OR KNOWN BY US. BUT, I THINK, BEFORE ONE MAKES JUDGMENTS ON FARAWAY COUNTRIES, ONE HAS AN OBLIGATION TO STUDY IT IN GREATER DETAIL THAN THROUGH TENDENTIOUS PUBLICATIONS.

Q: AS YOU MIGHT KNOW, VIETNAM HAS BEEN QUITE AN ISSUE IN THIS COUNTRY AND I WONDER IF THE TIME IS RIGHT TODAY TO SAY THAT U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN INDOCHINA WAS A BIG MISTAKE FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE VERY END?

A: WELL, YOU KNOW 50,000 AMERICANS WERE KILLED IN VIETNAM AND IT IS A VERY PAINFUL EXPERIENCE FOR MANY AMERICANS AND SUCCESSIVE ADMINISTRATIONS WISELY OR NOT THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE SERVING A GOOD CAUSE. THEY MAY HAVE MADE MISTAKES, ONE WOULD HAVE TO SAY IN RETROSPECT, GREAT MISTAKES WERE MADE. BUT WE WOULD ALSO HAVE TO SAY THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SUPPORTED IT IN THE BELIEF THAT THE FREEDOM OF OTHER PEOPLES DEPENDED ON IT. AND I DON'T THINK THAT IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY NOW I SHOULD BE ASKED TO JUDGE WHETHER EVERYTHING THAT WAS DONE WAS A MISTAKE; IT WAS AN EXTREMELY PAINFUL EXPERIENCE IN WHICH MANY PEOPLE TRIED TO DO WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS BEST FOR THE UNITED STATES AND WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS BEST FOR OTHER FREE PEOPLES AND IT WAS PERHAPS MORE PAINFUL FOR THOSE DIRECTLY INVOLVED THAN FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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THOSE WHO HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF THE PERSPECTIVE.

Q: ONE OF THE ISSUES BROUGHT UP DURING THE DEMONSTRATIONS YESTERDAY IS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NOT HAVING PAID THE COMPENSATION TO VIETNAM ACCORDING TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT WHICH YOU NEGOTIATED. WHAT IS THE REASON WHY THE UNITED STATES DID NOT FULFILL THAT PROMISE? YOU HAVE BEEN ACCUSED FOR NOT FULFILLING IT?

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A: YOU KNOW WE INDICATED LAST YEAR ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH VIETNAM. WE ARE NOT INTERESTED RETROACTIVELY TO REFIGHT THE WAR IN VIETNAM DIPLOMATICALLY AFTER THE ANGUISH EVERYONE WENT THROUGH DURING THE WAR. BUT IT IS ASKING A LITTLE BIT MUCH OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO BE ASKED TO APPLY ONE PARAGRAPH OF A TREATY EVERY OTHER PROVISION OF WHICH HAS BEEN TOTALLY VIOLATED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. ALL THE LESS SO IS THAT ONE OBLIGATION AS THAT ONE CLAUSE ONLY STATED A UNCLASSIFIED

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VERY GENERAL WILLINGNESS AND NOT A FORMAL OBLIGATION. NOW IF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WANT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH US, IF THEY WANT TO DISCUSS WITH US THE MISSING IN ACTION, TURNING OVER THE REMAINS OF AMERICANS WHO WERE KILLED IN VIETNAM, WE WILL LISTEN TO

WHATEVER CONCERNS THEY HAVE, BUT WE CANNOT ACCEPT AN OBLIGATION AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT IS SENSIBLE OR MORAL TO TURN THIS INTO AN ISSUE FOR DEMONSTRATION. WE ARE NOT GOING TO CONTINUE REFIGHTING THE VIETNAM WAR-BUT WE RECOGNIZE NO OBLIGATION FROM THE TREATY, EACH OF WHOSE PROVISIONS HAS BEEN SYSTEMATICALLY VIOLATED BY THE OTHER SIDE.

Q: MR. KISSINGER, THE SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER MR. PALME IS VERY INTERESTED IN SHAPING A SORT OF THIRD FORCE IN FOREIGN POLITICS, A SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC BLOC OF COUNTRIES. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THIS?

A: MR. PALME THIS MORNING FIRST OF ALL EXPLAINED THE BASIS OF SWEDISH NEUTRALITY WHICH IS A SEPARATE PROBLEM, AND I HAVE MADE IT VERY CLEAR TO HIM THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO THE BASIS OF SWEDISH FOREIGN POLICY. WE MIGHT DISAGREE WITH THIS OR THAT APPLICATION ON THE SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES BUT WITH A PRINCIPLE THAT SWEDEN WILL PURSUE ITS INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY AS IT HAS HISTORICALLY, WE AGREE AND I THINK IT CAN PLAY A VERY USEFUL ROLE AND HAS PLAYED A USEFUL ROLE IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD. WITH RESPECT TO MR. PALME'S PARTICIPATION IN BRINGING TOGETHER OR COOPERATING WITH OTHER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES, WE BELIEVE THAT ON THE WHOLE THE CO-OPERATION OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES IN EUROPE HAS BEEN A CONSTRUCTIVE ELEMENT; THAT IT HAS FOSTERED SOCIAL PROGRESS AND ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES, IN WHICH WE HAVE FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS OURSELVES, WE FEEL THAT THEY HAVE PLAYED A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE. WE HAVE, AGAIN, NO OBJECTION TO THE PRINCIPLE OF IT; WE HAVE WELCOMED MANY SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS OF IT. IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE MAY NOT DISAGREE NOW AND THEN TO OTHER APPLICATIONS OF IT. BUT THE PRINCIPLE OF IT WE THINK IS USEFUL.

Q: WHICH ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN YOURS AND MR. PALME'S OPINION OF THE QUESTIONS IN AFRICA?

A: IN AFRICA, I THINK THAT MR. PALME REALLY SHOULD SPEAK FOR HIMSELF. I DID NOT HAVE THE SENSE THAT THERE WERE ANY MAJOR DIFFERENCES IN OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE AFRICAN SITUATION. SWEDEN HAS A MORE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROLONGED EXPERIENCE IN CERTAIN PARTS OF AFRICA WHERE WE HAVE NONE. AND WE DIDN'T AGREE IN YOUR EVALUATION OF THE ANGOLA SITUATION, AS YOU KNOW, BUT IF ONE LOOKS AT THE PRESENT SITUATION, I THINK OUR VIEWS ARE COMPLEMENTARY RATHER THAN IN DISAGREEMENT. I DON'T WANT TO UNDERMINE MR. PALME'S POSITION HERE BY SAYING THIS. THAT WAS MY IMPRESSION, BUT SINCE WE DIDN'T SIT DOWN AND TRY TO DRAW UP A BALANCE SHEET, I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT.

Q: AS YOU KNOW, SOME SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES ARE MEMBERS OF NATO AND SOME ARE NOT. DO YOU THINK THE FUTURE OF NATO WILL CONTINUE AT

THE SAME STRENGTH AND THE SAME POSITION THE NEXT COMING FIVE
TO TEN YEARS?

A: YES, I WOULD EXPECT NATO TO CONTINUE, AND I WOULD EXPECT IN FACT
ITS MILITARY CAPACITIES TO IMPROVE, BUT WE ARE MAKING NO EFFORTS
TO CHANGE THE ORIENTATION OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THAT HAVE CHOSEN
NOT TO BE MEMBERS OF NATO.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, THERE ARE STILL A LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICAN WAR
RESISTERS IN SWEDEN, ARE YOU WILLING TO OR WILL YOU MAKE A STATE-
MENT ON THE DISPOSITION ON AMNESTY OR SOME SORT OF ROLE YOU WILL
PLAY AT HOME?

A: WELL, I THINK THE POSITION ON AMNESTY HAS BEEN STATED BY
PRESIDENT FORD. IT IS NOT WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE. AND THE POSITION THAT WE HAVE IS THE POSITION THAT
PRESIDENT FORD HAS ANNOUNCED ON THAT SUBJECT.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, TO WHAT EXTENT IS SWEDEN'S NEUTRALITY MADE
POSSIBLE BY THE EXISTENCE OF NATO AND THE AMERICAN NUCLEAR FORCES IN
EUROPE?

A: WELL, I BELIEVE THAT THE NEUTRALITY OF A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES
BECOMES EFFECTIVE BECAUSE THERE IS A BALANCE OF POWER BEING MAIN-
TAINED IN EUROPE BY NATO BACKED BY THE UNITED STATES AND I THINK
THAT WOULD BE GENERALLY RECOGNIZED BY ANYBODY STUDYING THE PROB-
LEM OF DEFENSE THAT SWEDEN WITH ITS RELATIVELY SMALL POPULATION
CANNOT DEFEND ITSELF IN THE ABSENCE OF A BALANCE OF POWER THAT
EXISTS IN EUROPE.

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Q: RECENT CONTACTS BETWEEN NAVAL AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN
ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL HAVE SHOWN THE EXISTENCE OF DEVELOPED
PLANS FOR A SOUTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION IN THE STYLE
OF NATO. YOUR RECENT VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA AND SOUTHERN AFRICA
HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS HAVING THE PURPOSE TO COORDINATE THESE

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ATTEMPTS WITH YOUR AIM TO COUNTER THE GROWING SOVIET INFLUENCE IN
THE AREA? WOULD THIS SURGING ORGANIZATION FULFILL YOUR AIM FOR
SECURITY?

A: WELL, SOME OF THE IMAGINATION BECOMES TOO EXUBERANT HERE.
FIRST OF ALL I DIDN'T VISIT ARGENTINA. SECONDLY, I HAVE NEVER HEARD
OF A PLAN FOR A SOUTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION AND I DOUBT
THAT SUCH A PLAN EXISTS. WE ARE CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO PARTICIPATE
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IN IT IF IT DOES EXIST.

THIRDLY, MY VISIT TO SOUTHERN AFRICA INCLUDED ALL OF THE
COUNTRIES--INCLUDING COUNTRIES THAT ARE AGGRESSIVELY NON-ALIGNED
AND SEVERAL OF THEIR LEADERS HAVE IN FACT VISITED SWEDEN SINCE AND
I THINK IT IS VERY EASY TO CONFIRM THE FACT THAT NO PLANS FOR
ANY MILITARY ORGANIZATION OR ANY OTHER TREATY ORGANIZATION WERE
DISCUSSED WITH LEADERS IN AFRICA ON MY TRIP THROUGH AFRICA. SO

MY VISITS TO LATIN AMERICA AND TO AFRICA WERE IN THE CONTEXT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH CREATING ANY MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, YOU HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO MANY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF EUROPE IN THE LAST FEW DAYS ON THE CONTINENT. WHO IS EUROPE'S FAVORITE CANDIDATE IN THE AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?

A: MY OWN FAVORITE CANDIDATE--WHO IS THEIR FAVORITE OR MINE?

Q: LETS TRY EUROPE'S FIRST.

A: WHO IS EUROPE'S FAVORITE CANDIDATE? WELL, I DON'T REALLY THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO COMMENT ON THE AMERICAN DOMESTIC SITUATION EVEN INDIRECTLY WHILE I'M ABROAD, BESIDES I MAY HAVE ENCOURAGED THEM IN A CERTAIN DIRECTION.

Q: MR. KISSINGER, MAY NAME IS THORSSON FROM SWEDISH TELEVISION, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR OPINION ON THE FOLLOWING PROBLEM: HOW DO YOU SEE THE FUTURE FOR NATO IF THERE SHOULD BE COMMUNIST REPRESENTATIVES IN GOVERNMENTS IN SEVERAL NATO COUNTRIES?

A: I HAVE AVOIDED ANSWERING THIS QUESTION IN MANY CAPITALS AND I DON'T WANT TO DISCRIMINATE IN FAVOR OF SWEDEN. I'VE STATED MY VIEWS PUBLICLY ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS BEFORE I LEFT THE UNITED STATES AND THOSE VIEWS HAVEN'T CHANGED.

Q: DR. KISSINGER: DID YOU DISCUSS THE SPECIAL STEEL IMPORT QUOTAS QUESTIONS WITH THE SWEDISH LEADERS?

A: ACTUALLY THAT ISSUE HAS NOT YET COME UP BUT OF COURSE I'M SEEING YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER AGAIN THIS EVENING.
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Q: WILL THE QUOTAS BE IMPOSED ON THEM? WHAT IMPORTANCE DO YOU ATTACH TO THAT QUOTAS QUESTION?

A: ACCORDING TO THE DECISION THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN THE ABSENCE OF SOME OTHER ARRANGEMENTS OR AGREEMENTS THERE IS A HIGH PROBABILITY THAT QUOTAS WILL BE IMPOSED. BUT THE TIME LIMITS FOR MAKING OUR FINAL DECISION HAVE NOT YET BEEN REACHED.

Q: DR. KISSINGER: LET ME TELL YOU HOW DISAPPOINTED HALF THE SWEDISH POPULATION IS BY YOUR NOT BRINING YOUR BEAUTIFUL WIFE. WHY DID'NT YOU?

A: MY WIFE IS ENGAGED IN FINISHING THE REPORTS OF THE ROCKEFELLER

COMMISSION ON CRITICAL CHOICES WHICH HAS TO GO TO THE PRESS ON JUNE THIRD. THAT'S HER OFFICIAL REASON; IT MAY BE THAT BECAUSE MY LABRADOR RETRIEVER IS NOT PERMITTED ON THE AIRPLANE, SHE MAY HAVE PREFERRED HIM TO ME.

Q: COULD YOU ASSURE THE SWEDISH AUDIENCE THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS NOT GOING TO OVERTHROW COMMUNIST LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN ITALY BY CLUMSY MEANS?

A: I KNOW I AM PERFORMING A VERY IMPORTANT SOCIOLOGICAL FUNCTION HERE WHICH IS TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE SWEDISH PUBLIC THE DEPTH HUMAN DEPRAVITY CAN REACH. THE UNITED STATES WILL RESPECT THE DECISIONS OF THE ITALIAN ELECTORATE. WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO DRAW OUR OWN FOREIGN POLICY CONSEQUENCES FROM OUR OWN CONCLUSIONS.. BUT AS FAR AS INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL POLITICS OF ITALY, WE WILL OF COURSE ACCEPT THE DECISIONS OF THE ITALINA ELECTORATE.
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